

**Navigating Special Education Resources:  
Top 10 Resources Every Family Should  
Know About**

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**Training Objectives**

- o Build awareness of specific strategies and resources to use
- o Build knowledge and skills that can be used to become a more confident advocate and effective team member



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**Organizing – First Step to Being the Best  
Advocate Possible**

- o The Parent Record File provides a way to organize materials that a parent can bring to the IEP meeting. The dividers in the folder provide information about the special education process.
- o Other Organizational Options: 3-ring binders, bankers boxes, plastic containers, file cabinets, and Google Folders/Documents



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**Parent Record File:  
Front of File**

**Key handouts and resources that you will find include:**

- o WSPEI Brochure
- o Special Education Procedural Safeguards Booklet (Parent's Rights)
- o Frequently Used Acronyms and Terms



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**Birth to Three**

**Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)**

**Key handouts and resources that you will find include:**

- o Families are the Foundation – English / Spanish
- o Infant Mental Health Brochure – Website
- o Developmental Milestones Brochure - English / Spanish
- o Milestones Tracker App

**Things to keep in here:**

- o Your child's IFSP
- o Evaluation reports
- o Staff contact information



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**Preschool Transition**

**Key handouts and resources that you will find include:**

- o Child Find brochure – Department of Public Instruction
- o An Introduction to Child Outcomes - Wisconsin Department of Health Services

**Things to keep in here:**

- o Information about transition to Early Childhood
- o Information about the options and services



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### Home & School Communication



**Key handouts and resources that you will find include:**

- o On Divider: Suggestions for Parents
- o [Communication Options](#) for Families
- o Steps to Success: [Communicating with your Child's School](#)
- o Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System [Brochure](#)

**Things to keep in here:**

- o Notes and communication from school.
- o Contact information for school staff




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### Evaluations & Reports



**Key handouts and resources that you will find include:**

- o On Divider: Evaluation, Re-evaluation & Independent Evaluations
- o Student Snapshot (for families) - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- o My Snapshot (for students) - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

**Things to keep in here:**

- o All evaluations from the school
- o Outside physician reports
- o Copies of consent for evaluation




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### Individualized Education Program (IEP)



**Key handouts and resources that you will find include:**

- o An Introduction to Special Education Booklet - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- o IEP Checklist by WI FACETS
- o College & Career Ready IEPs Brochure for Families - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

**Things to keep in here:**

- o Annual IEPs
- o Progress Reports on IEP goals




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### Transition



**Key handouts and resources that you will find include:**

- o Parent / Youth Guide to Post-Secondary Transition Planning - [English / Spanish](#)
- o Wisconsin Transition Resource Guide - [English / Spanish / Hmong](#)
- o How to Use the WI Transition App Information Sheet - [Document](#)

**Examples of items to keep in here:**

- o Transition Assessment Information
- o Work experience evaluations
- o College and ACT testing information, etc.
- o Contact information on agencies such as DVR




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### General Information



**Key handouts and resources that you will find include:**

- o Special Education in Plain Language - [English / Spanish without Supplement](#)
- o WI FACETS Brochure - [wifacets.org](#)
- o WI FACETS Training Calendar
- o Agency brochures

**Examples of items to keep in here:**

- o Medical Records and other personal information
- o School pictures, school work samples, etc.




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### Spanish Parent Record File



**Key handouts include:**

- o Communication Options for Families
- o Student Snapshot & My Snapshot
- o Introduction to Special Education
- o Special Education in Plain Language
- o And much more!!!




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### Resources for Families New to Special Education

- o Introduction to Special Education ★  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCdR2vA1q20>
- o An Introduction to Special Education- booklet ★  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BvZ\\_f67UUVysTDZrQWY3WVZUVjg/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BvZ_f67UUVysTDZrQWY3WVZUVjg/view)




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### Top 10 Resources for DFELs

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| 1. Frequently Used Education Acronyms & Special Education Terms List | 6. Input Forms: My Snapshot, Student Snapshot, Positive Student Profile |
| 2. Communication Options for Families                                | 7. Special Education in Plain Language                                  |
| 3. DPI Agencies & Organizations <a href="#">Webpage</a>              | 8. Supported Decision-Making <a href="#">Booklet</a> from WI BPDD       |
| 4. Andrew F. <a href="#">Talking Points</a> Worksheet                | 9. WIFACETS IEP Checklist   |
| 5. Introduction to Special Education                                 | 10. WIFACETS Training Calendar  |



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### Questions?




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WSPEI website: [www.wspei.org](http://www.wspei.org)



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